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HORSE REIGNS IN CLASSIC VICTORY

HARBOUR Law became Epsom's first Classic winner since 1969, with trainer Laura Mongan taking the title as first woman to train a Classic race winner.

Despite only being given 22-1 odds the colt, trained at Epsom Downs Training Grounds, won the famous St Leger race in Doncaster, on Saturday, September 10.

Ms Mongan is the first trainer from Epsom to win the one-mile flat horse race. In 2013 she trained the horse First Avenue to victory in the Imperial Cup, a hurdle race held in Sandown Park in Surrey, despite 20-1 odds.

Winning partnership: Jockey George Baker, far left aboard Harbour Law, with trainer Laura Mongan, above

'JEALOUS ASSAULT'

Alleged attacker accused of punching man who was surrounded by women in bar

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A REVELLER kicked and punched a brilliant mathematician for telling him to stop pestering his 'attractive' female friends, a court heard.

Etienne St Claire, 31, allegedly floored Daniel Dinneys with a punch before stamping on his head outside the Dirty Martini cocktail bar, Wood Street in the City of London.

Mr Dinneys, who had been working on high level bank security, suffered a broken jaw and a brain haemorrhage.

Part of his skull had to be surgically removed following the attack in June 2015.

Timothy Forster, prosecuting, told the Old Bailey on Monday: "This is about a man who was kicked, punched and stamped on outside a bar in the City of London.

"The defendant admits that he threw a punch, he says in reasonable self-defence. He admits that he used his foot – again in self-defence.

"It was June 5 of last year and Mr Dinneys was out with his friends.

"There was Mr Dinneys with his girlfriend, who was resting her head on his shoulder, as well as three female friends who were dressed in smart evening wear, heels and sequins. You may have thought they looked attractive."

Mr Forster told the court St Claire had been out with male friends at Dirty Martinis and bumped into the group as they awaited a minibus.

He said: "St Claire began to pester the women, and was told repeatedly they were not interested. It may be he became frustrated and jealous of the fact that Mr Dinneys was with these women.

"He asked: 'Are they with you them?' and, when Mr Dinneys said they were, he shouted: 'You the big man then?'

"Mr Dinneys asked him to leave the women alone, and St Claire pushed him forcing him to stagger. St Claire then punched him hard in the face with a closed fist.

"That caused Mr Dinneys to fall straight to the ground without attempting to break his fall. He had been knocked out and soon the blood began to flow."

The prosecutor said St Claire began to stamp on Mr Dinney's head and body as he lay unconscious.

He added: "He had a fractured jaw and it is agreed that this fall caused serious brain injuries from which Mr Dinneys has not recovered.

"Mr Dinneys will give no evidence as he has no recollection."

Mr Dinneys has been in intensive care and had an emergency operation for a blood clot to the brain.

Mr Forster added: "Another person who saw St Claire stamp on his head was a member of the door staff at Dirty Martini's.

"He recalls Mr Dinneys pushed him, St Claire pushed back and then St Claire punched him."

The court heard St Claire left in a taxi but was identified via a restaurant booking.

Mr St Claire, of Richmond House, Sherbrooke Way, Worcester Park, denies causing grievous bodily harm with intent and a lesser alternative charge.

The trial continues.

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POLICE TRIAL: A former Metropolitan police sergeant from Epsom, Paul Potter, 39, will stand trial at Southwark Crown Court accused of obtaining and disclosing personal information on Monday, September 19. The charges follow an investigation by the Metropolitan Police's Directorate of Professional Standards into a number of allegations of misuse of computer systems by an officer.

WASTE PLAN: Surrey County Council has launched a consultation on its county-wide Waste Local Plan. Through the plan the council aims to ensure sufficient land is made available for waste facilities and no damage is done to the environment or human health. To view the plan, and to take part in the consultation, visit www.surreycc.gov.uk.

EUROPE MEETING: European enthusiasts are holding a public forum between 7pm and 9pm on Monday, September 19. Surrey for Europe will meet in the Spa Lounge in the Ebbisham Centre in Epsom to hear short talks from the head of research at Britain for Europe and the director for Votes for Europe.

Investigations lead police to believe hatchback parked in garage was deliberately set on fire

Stable blaze 'moments away' from spreading to house, say fire crews

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THE fire that devastated 18th century stables converted into garages in the early hours of the morning was "moments away" from spreading to adjoining houses, according to firefighters.

Thousands of pounds worth of damage was caused, according to Surrey Police, and the block of garages in Dorking Road, Epsom was "completely, severely" destroyed.

Investigations into the cause of the fire are being carried out.

A crew from Epsom fire station was called to reports of a car fire at about 3am on Sunday, September 11.

But when further information suggested that a block of garages was alight, crews from Banstead, Leatherhead and Esher stations were also dispatched to the 18th century, Grade-II listed building near Epsom General Hospital.

Six firefighters wearing breathing apparatus entered the smoking garages to put out the fire using three hose reels, while others scaled ladders to reach the high-pitched, timber-framed roof of the converted stable block.

Firefighters were still at the scene at about 11am on Sunday, putting the last of the embers out and concluding their initial investigations.

"It was moments away from spreading into the house it was attached to," a spokesman from Epsom fire station said.

"But due to the quick and hard work of the crews on scene they managed to stop the fire spreading.

"The garages were completely, severely damaged though."

Following an initial fire investigation, it is believed that the fire was of deliberate origin.

Subsequent inquiries by Surrey Police and a fire investigation crew are being carried out.

A police spokeswoman said: "Surrey Police was called at 3.20am on September 11 following reports of a vehicle fire in a garage in Dorking Road, Epsom.

"A silver Volkswagen Golf was set on fire, which spread to the rest of the garage and resulted in the destruction of other contents, causing thousands of pounds worth of damage.

"Officers were required to attend to assist with traffic control and road closures. The investigation remains ongoing."

To offer information, call Surrey Police on 101, quoting crime reference number 45160079482.

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The fire devastated the former stables on Dorking Road. Pic credit: Epsom firefighter Gareth Arnold

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Police hunt 'unique' tray stolen in raid

A SILVER tray decorated with tulips was stolen during a burglary from a home in Epsom last week.

Surrey Police are appealing for witnesses to the burglary in Hamilton Close, Epsom, or anyone who may have been offered the tray after the theft.

Officers believe the burglary took place sometime between 6.30pm on Wednesday, September 7 and 10.30pm on Thursday, September 8.

It is currently believed that the tray was the only item stolen.

PC Andrew Kim, who is leading the investigation, described the tray as "unique and easily identifiable", and said it had Art Nouveau tulip handles.

He added: "I would like to hear from anyone who may have been offered this silver tray second-hand or with any information on what happened to the tray following the incident."

To offer information, call Surrey Police on 101, quoting crime reference number 45160078949. To offer information anonymously, call charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Surrey Police are appealing for witnesses to the burglary

Cast your votes for awards

EPSOM and Ewell Borough Council is encouraging residents to vote for one of Epsom's four Green Flag winning green spaces for yet another award.

Voting for the annual People's Choice award opened this week in an effort to find the UK's top ten green spaces.

Four parks within the borough were among 1,686 awarded the prestigious Green Flag award earlier this year.

Epsom Common Local Nature Reserve, Ewell Court Park, Alexandra Recreation Ground, and Rosebery Park are now all in contention for the nation's top 10 green spaces.

The deadline to vote is midday on Friday, September 30.

To vote, please visit the website www.greenflagaward.org.

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Game designers' trip to Pentagon

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EPSOM computer game designers jetted out to the US to give a presentation in the Pentagon on how their simulations can help one of the world's most powerful militaries.

A three-strong team representing Epsom-based Slitherine group flew out to the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, USA, before being taken to the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia last month.

The Slitherine group, which has its headquarters in Church Street, Epsom, produce strategy and war computer games and simulations covering many specific periods of history from ancient warfare to the near future and range in scope from one-on-one grand strategy to entire nations warring against one another.

Iain McNeil, the group's owner and his father and company director JD NcNeil, were summoned before senior ranking air force, navy and marine corps chiefs on August 31 to demonstrate how one of their games, Command: Modern Air and Naval Operations, could help the military.

They were joined by a representative from their developer Warfare Sims, Dimitris Dranidis.

Mr McNeil Jnr, explained Command's appeal to the military. He said: "It looks like a modern command and control centre.

"It is a realistic simulation of modern air and naval combat.

"They said it does a better job of predicting than their own simulations. It was pretty exciting."

He added there had been a decline in the military's use of war games a few years ago. But after the US government's deputy secretary of defence Robert Wark issued a directive calling for more examinations of wargaming in February 2015, interest in Slitherine's work picked up.

The trio were led through the famous building's 17.5 miles of corridors, past restricted areas to briefing rooms to explain the game.

The assembled military leaders are now analysing the software's potential uses.

"The software is quite versatile," he said.

"A lot of people look it and ask, can it do this, and can it do that? The answer is yes, but it currently doesn't. But it can be made to."

Iain McNeil speaking at the Pentagon

Husband will cycle 200 miles

A 60-YEAR-old from Ashstead is cycling 200 miles to raise money for the charity which helped his wife in her final years.

The Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust supports people living with this incurable disease that causes scarring of the lungs.

Tony Suwalski set off yesterday on the bike he received for his 60th birthday, riding to his wife Karen's hometown in Maerdy in South West Wales to celebrate what would have been their 33rd wedding anniversary.

She died on December 22 last year aged 61.

Along the way, he will be stopping at the place of their marriage in Rhondda Valley.

Mr Suwalski said: "We feel such a huge and indescribable loss over Karen's death. The cycle seems a fitting tribute to someone who fought so bravely. I hope that people reading this will dig deep and support the challenge so the charity can continue its work."

Visit mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/tonysuwalski1

'Minimal' changes to hit Surrey in shake-up of MPs' seats

Mole Valley MP Sir Paul Beresford has welcomed the 'minimal' changes to constituency boundaries across Surrey in a nationwide shake-up of MPs' seats.

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) has proposed that Sir Paul's constituency, which includes Leatherhead and Dorking, would lose Send ward to its neighbouring Woking constituency, and gain Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon from the Esher and Walton constituency.

The BCE is an independent, impartial and non-departmental public body, which is responsible for viewing Parliamentary constituency boundaries.

In its report on initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in the South East region, the BCE states that this would even out electoral quotas in Surrey.

In 2011, Parliament set the BCE the task of reducing the number of constituencies in England from 533 to 501, with the requirement that all constituencies bar two must have an electorate between 71,031 and 78,507 voters.

Sir Paul Beresford, MP for Mole Valley, said: "It's important that each person's vote has roughly the same weight throughout the nation.

"The changes in Surrey are minimal. I'm losing a good ward and gaining a good ward.

"Losing Send is a shame from my point of view, because I'm working with them in fighting the green belt battle. However, I am still MP for Send until the next election and I would've thought that battle would've been fought and won by then."

He was also happy that no indication was given to change the name of his constituency from Mole Valley to Mid Surrey.

"We've been Mole Valley for a long time," he said.

"It's a popular name."

Transport secretary Chris Grayling's Epsom and Ewell constituency and Foreign Affairs Select Committee chair Crispin Blunt's Reigate and Banstead constituency remain unchanged under the proposals.

The changes, if agreed, would be implemented in 2018.

Young gardeners seeking plants and tools for their green-fingered project

TADWORTH youngsters have launched an appeal for volunteers to donate plants and equipment to The Co-operative Childcare, based on Tadworth Court.

The appeal is for the local community to donate herbs, plants and wooden tools so the children at The Co-operative Childcare, based in Tadworth Court can learn more about gardening and plants.

The appeal was started after parent, Elizabeth Broderick, volunteered her time to help the nursery make flower beds out of bamboo and willow.

She was keen to develop an outdoor space for the toddlers that would allow the children to play outdoors all year round.

She is also keen on promoting teaching about the seasons and the value of caring for something.

The children are also taking part by bringing their own plants home with them to nurture and grow with the aim of putting them in the nursery garden in the future.

Manager of The Co-operative Childcare Tadworth, Sally Bonard, said: "To be able to grow the garden we rely on kind donations of time and plants from the local community.

"We'd like to build a long-lasting garden for children to enjoy for years to come."

Ms Broderick said: "As a keen gardener and mum it is great to see that the improved garden is allowing my son and his classmates to enjoy being outdoors and to develop their understanding of nature in a fun way."

For more information, visit thecooperativechildcare.coop/our-nurseries/tadworth.

Rosie, four, watering the plants at The Co-operative Childcare

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Mole Valley, Epsom and Ewell are among top five locations

New study reveals the best places to be girls

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MOLE Valley, Epsom and Ewell are among the top five places to be a girl in the UK, according to a report published by a charity and a university.

The report, produced by Plan International UK in partnership with the University of Hull, was part of the charity's 'Because I am a Girl campaign' launched to tackle gender inequality globally.

The campaign showed that Mole Valley ranked fourth and Epsom and Ewell ranked fifth in the national survey of local authorities across the UK.

The highest scoring area was Waverley in Surrey, while Middlesbrough was ranked the worst place to be a girl in the UK.

In Middlesbrough teenage girls were four times more likely to get pregnant than those in Waverley and there was 20 per cent more child poverty than in Epsom and Ewell.

In Mole Valley and Epsom and Ewell 69.9 and 71.5 per cent of girls received five A*-C grades at GCSE level respectively and there is an average life expectancy of 85 years.

Exam success is achieved by girls in the area

Both areas had only 1.8 per cent of girls not in education, employment or training at the time of the report – nearly 8 per cent less than Middlesbrough.

The combination of these results ranked Mole Valley and Epsom and Ewell as on of the top of the 346 local authorities assessed.

The report was compiled using five indicators of equality: child poverty, life expectancy, teenage pregnancy rates, GCSE results and education and employment rates amongst girls.

The report also compiled a collection of interviews with girls around the UK inquiring into their experiences with sexual harassment, abuse and discrimination.

Plan International UK campaign manager Lucy Russell has said: "It is encouraging to see that girls in Surrey are doing well, generally scoring positively across the indicators we used in our research.

"Despite living in one of the most developed countries on earth, too many girls in the UK don't enjoy their rights."

Plan International believes there is still work to be done and has proposed a six-point plan to tackle gender inequality including mandatory sex and relationships education in schools and improving efforts to end violence against girls.

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Builders join in rescue

BUILDERS, an ice cream seller and firefighters pulled together to free a woman trapped between a tree and a car.

Firefighters believe a car had rolled down the victim's driveway and pinned her hips and abdomen to a tree on a driveway in Long Down Lane North, Epsom.

A crew from Epsom fire station arrived at about 5pm on Wednesday, September 7, and found the victim trapped.

They tied a rope between the car's rear wheels and the tree to stop it rolling any further, before working to free her.

While they waited for a crew from Banstead fire station they appealed for help from nearby builders to roll the car away.

A man with an ice cream van also volunteered to join in the rescue mission.

Firefighters attached ropes to the car, before the team pulled the car away, freeing the woman.

The woman was treated at the scene by paramedics from the South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAMB).

A SECAmb spokesman said the woman was assessed and treated at the scene.

The woman did not then require further treatment at hospital.

Guard who suffered nervous breakdown after clash with prisoners launches legal action

Prison worker suing Government after 'life ruined' by confrontation

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A former prison support guard who claims bullying, harassment and a workplace confrontation left her life "in ruins" is suing the Ministry of Justice.

Kim Simons, 52, from Violet Lane, Croydon, worked at HMP Downview on the border between Banstead and Sutton for seven years.

But she was medically retired in August 2013, after a traumatic confrontation with inmates at the prison's college left her with mental health problems including depression and anxiety.

Ms Simons claims that on August 26, 2013, she was placed in a supervisory position over about 70 inmates from nearby HMP High Down who were attending a training facility housed at the closed prison.

Her job description stipulated she should only look after five to seven prisoners, and so Ms Simons claims this was a breach of contract.

Former prison support guard Kim Simons

Downview prison

While temporarily in charge of the group, she was confronted by three angry inmates demanding she open a toilet for them.

Despite opening a cubicle for them, Ms Simons claims they continued to be angry and she was forced to take refuge in her office while a prison guard came from elsewhere in the jail to diffuse the situation.

She said: "I seriously thought I was going to be beaten to a pulp.

"I got up to go to work the next day and my knees were knocking and I was visibly shaking.

"I ended up going over the edge. That was the beginning of a nervous breakdown."

Paris Ioannou, her doctor at Violet Lane Medical Practice, certified in January 2014 that Ms Simons was "suffering from mixed depression and anxiety brought on by stress at work".

Dr Ioannou also stated that Ms Simons was "being harassed and bullied in the workplace". Ms Simons also suffers panic attacks and agoraphobia – the fear of open or public spaces.

In March 2015 the Department for Work and Pensions agreed Ms Simons had suffered "loss of faculty" after the incident and agreed to pay her industrial injuries disablement benefit.

But she has so far been frustrated in her bid to receive an apology or compensation from the MoJ, and was denied legal aid in August 2016.

Ms Simons is now suing for loss of earnings totalling about £180,000, plus reparations for mental anguish.

She said: "I'm now surviving on benefits and trying to get my voice heard.

"I have flashbacks about it, and there are days when I don't leave the house. I feel my life is in ruins.

"How can I be disabled and on benefits for the rest of my life, and they don't accept responsibility for it?"

A MoJ spokesman said: "Safety in our prisons is fundamental to the proper functioning of our justice system and a vital part of our reform plans. All staff grievances are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly."

HMP Downview closed for refurbishment in April 2013 and all 279 inmates were transferred to other prisons across the country.

The prison was re-opened in May 2016 and is currently building up its population.

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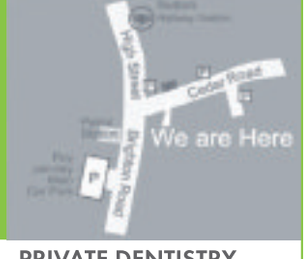

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Firm claims service back on track as full timetable to return

Southern says 'sorry' to its rail passengers

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NEARLY one in 10 trains were cancelled or severely delayed over a three-month period on rail networks run by the operator of the troubled Southern franchise, according to new figures.

Data from the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) showed 9.3 per cent of passenger services operated by Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) in April to June this year were either cancelled or more than 30 minutes late.

GTR, which also runs the Thameslink, Gatwick Express and Great Northern franchises, was the worst-performing rail operator for the period.

The figure was also the highest recorded for the group since records began in 2004.

The period coincided with weeks of disruption as a result of a high level of staff sickness and industrial action over changes to the role of conductors.

The dispute remains totally deadlocked. The ORR figures show the proportion of cancelled or delayed trains jumped by 72 per cent compared with January to March 2016, when the number of late or cancelled services was 5.4 per cent.

Southern train

Virgin East Coast services were the second most disrupted, with 6.5 per cent of trains either cancelled or severely delayed.

Overall, the rolling annual average to June this year is, at 3.3 per cent, the highest since 2004-05.

A GTR spokesman said: "We fully recognise that these figures are unacceptable and we apologise to our passengers for this.

"The period coincided with the beginning of the RMT dispute over our plans to improve customer service on board our trains and throughout the period, we experienced unprecedented levels of sickness amongst our conductors and a reluctance by train crew to work overtime and rest days.

"Because of the uncertain nature of train crew availability, we were being forced to cancel trains on an ad-hoc basis, which seriously compromised our ability to run a robust train service on a day-to-day basis.

"On July 11, we introduced a temporary revised timetable which, although it had fewer trains, gave our passengers a much greater degree of certainty as to which trains were running, and enabled them to plan their journeys with more confidence.

"Since then, on September 5, we took the first step to returning to the full timetable with the reintroduction of 119 trains. The remainder will be restored over the coming weeks."

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Charlotte Windett

Charlotte scoops prize

A STUDENT at Greenacre School for Girls, is one of three winners NGO Education Trust photographic competition.

Charlotte Windett's photo 'Muntjac in the Forest' depicts a timid forest deer surrounded by greenery.

The competition was launched on April 5 and the results were released on September 8.

The three winners of the competition received a prize for their school of £1,200 worth of contents to encourage artistic study of wildlife and nature.

Charlotte, 16, is studying photography, textiles and psychology at the Sixth Form in Banstead and she hopes to become a police officer.

Fellow Greenacre student Clare Coleman, 15, received two Highly Commended awards for her entries.

Three people died at High Down institution last year

Prison deaths 'point to need for change'

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RECORD levels of violence and suicides, drugs abuse leading to fatal heart attacks, and medical appointments being cancelled due to insufficient staffing levels highlight the need for change in prisons such as HMP High Down, a watchdog has said.

In its annual Prisons and Probation Ombudsman (PPO) report, released last week, the regulator shone a light on a "shocking" 34 per cent rise in self-inflicted deaths in the UK's prisons, 21 per cent rise in total deaths, and six apparent murders – up from four last year.

High Down was one of 22 prisons in which three people died last year – one by suicide, one from natural causes.

A verdict has yet to be reached on the third death.

However the prison's 27 complaints in 2015-16 – 13 of which were upheld – was the lowest figure in the country according to the analysis.

HMP High Down

In the introduction to his fifth annual report as Prisons and Probation Ombudsman, Nigel Newcomen lamented a rise in deaths in custody nationwide, rising levels of violence and disorder, and understaffing in prisons across the country.

He said: "While resources and staffing in prisons are undeniably stretched, it is disappointing how often, after invariably accepting my recommendation, prisons struggle to sustain the improvement I call for.

"Improving safety and fairness is less about identifying new learning and more about implementing the learning already available.

"Ensuring real and lasting improvement in safety and fairness needs to be a focus of the new prison reform agenda."

The Ombudsman's findings were consistent with concerns raised by HMP High Down's independent monitoring board (IMB) in its annual report, published in April.

Drug-fuelled violence and a lack of staffing for rehabilitation schemes had fostered an increasingly "volatile" atmosphere at High Down prison, the IMB found.

A Ministry of Justice spokesman confirmed that the department was analysing the findings of the Ombudsman.

He said: "Safety in prisons is fundamental to the proper functioning of our justice system and a vital part of our reform plans.

"The justice secretary is determined to make sure our prisons are safe and places of rehabilitation, and will set out her plans shortly."

SUSPECTED ARSON: A recycling bin fire at a Great Bookham charity is thought to have been started deliberately. Crews from Leatherhead and Painshill fire stations were called to the Grange in Rectory Lane, Leatherhead, at about 3.40am on Monday. They extinguished a burning plastic recycling bin. A spokesman from Leatherhead fire station confirmed an investigation was being carried out, but it was believed that the fire had been started deliberately. The Grange is a charity that offers residential care services and training to people with disabilities.

VITAL WARNING: A fire alarm saved a man's life after his flat, which is just down the road from Epsom fire station, caught fire. Firefighters at the station in Church Street, Epsom, heard the alarm sounding at a flat in adjacent Depot Road in the early hours of Thursday, September 8. The crew rushed to the burning flat at about 12.45am. Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus used a hose reel jet to put out the blaze. A spokesman from Epsom fire station said the man living in the flat was sleeping at the time of the fire. Paramedics from the South East Coast Ambulance Service treated the victim for smoke inhalation. A spokesman said the man did not require further treatment at hospital. He said: "It just goes to show the importance of a smoke alarm. Without it it would have been a fatal fire. There's no doubt about it."

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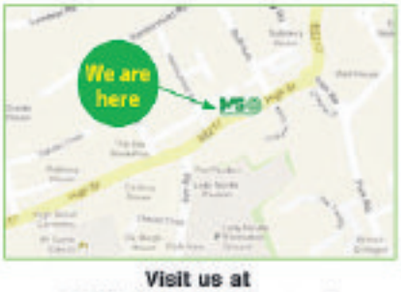

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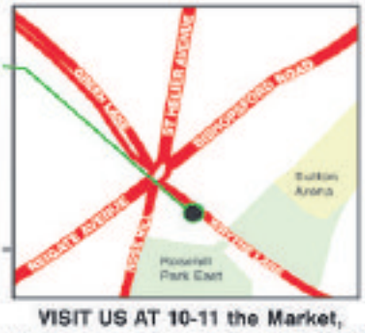

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Worcester Park man named as teenager who died at Fabric nightclub

The closure of the club is justified if it highlights an endemic problem of drug taking and distribution within nightclubs. Anyone believing that these places are not conducive to accessing and indulging in a practice that's destroying parts of society, is deluding themself.

MAX ADOLFUS

I don't feel closing Fabric has solved anything! These kids chose to take those drugs into the club and take them. A bouncer can only search a person so much when entering unless they want people to strip naked before entering! When will young kids learn that drugs are potentially lethal!

KIRA MARIEX

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Scapegoats

THERE has been much controversy concerning the new charges for rubbish disposal imposed at Surrey's community recycling centres.

I was horrified to read a comment made by a council spokesman that money had to be found to raise £24m pounds to pay for elderly care.

So that is it, is it? Not only are the elderly responsible for clogging up the NHS by not expiring quickly enough, having had free university education, had jobs in time of full employment, being able to buy a house at a reasonable price, but now it is their fault for the imposition of charges at the council tips.

When tempers are frayed at these sites as they are now with appalling queues and financial costs imposed at least the residents know who to blame.

This is called "scapegoating." It must be true. It was in the paper.

A first year sociology student could tell you it is the oldest trick in the book. You blame a certain group for the ills of society. This prevents people looking above at ineffectual local and national government.

How dare the elderly alone be singled out for this treatment. I was at a council meeting about three years ago in Kingston where residents were told libraries would close or be run by volunteers as there was no money available.

There was a break for lunch for the councillors and it was announced that "cocktails would be served." Perhaps someone should look at all council expenditure before blaming the most vulnerable.

CAROLE BROOKMAN

Viewfinder

Epsom College's 1st XV prepare to face St Paul's in the first match of the season on Saturday, September 10. Epsom would go on to win the game 41-0. Do you have an image of the borough you would like to share? Email letters@epsomguardian.co.uk

Charges

I have read with interest your coverage of charges for construction waste at community recycling centres and wanted to add some context.

Councils must provide somewhere for residents to drop off household waste free of charge but are entitled to charge for non-household waste.

With demand rising for services such as adult social care and children's services due to population changes and demographic growth, the county council can no longer accept unlimited amounts of this sort of waste.

Most residents who use the council's community recycling centres won't be affected and will still be able to drop off one bag of construction waste a day for free.

Lots of councils are introducing similar charges but won't allow a free bag per day as Surrey is. Based on the experiences of those councils which have already introduced charging schemes, the council isn't expecting charges to lead to an increase in fly-tipping.

It's worth pointing out that a very high proportion of fly tipping on our streets, is of items like old sofas and fridges that were and are still free to dispose of at the Civic Amenity Sites.

Which should make us all ponder why it's dumped. Also that all garden waste is still free.

TIM HALL
Councillor for Leatherhead and Fetcham East

No action taken on rail failure

I AM writing this for the attention of our MP Chris Grayling.

The Southern Rail issues and suggested solution from your transport department seem to me to be completely flawed.

The benefit of privatisation, we are told (other than an ideological obsession with dismantling the important role the state plays in our society) is to ensure services are delivered more efficiently and more effectively through detailed specifications drawn up in your ministry followed by compliance.

Its benefits, we are told, are that if a provider does not deliver appropriate services in accordance with the specification, the franchise can be withdrawn and offered to other providers.

You have created a market for rail services provision and there are other providers in this market.

We can do this in everyday life if someone or a business we engage doesn't deliver to what we would expect.

Your department's failure to exercise this decision totally undermines the very nature of privatisation as a beneficial economic tool and can only lead everyone to conclude that this is not about customers and efficiency but about ideology.

Why else would you not start the process of termination given the abject failure of Southern Rail that has not only impacted badly on my own personal work life but on millions of others too?

Rather than take this action, or even fine the failing contractor, you offer a £20 million subsidy to resolve a problem faced by every other train provider who has to work with National Rail.

How come the other providers can manage this relationship but it is going to take £20 million of additional public money to sort it out for Southern Rail whose parent company recently announced £100 million profits whilst we all suffer?

It's the economics of the mad house and, as my MP, I would like this matter addressed urgently as it could be deemed a misuse of public funds and possibly a matter for the Public Accounts Committee.

MICK LOWE
Ashtead

On Vaz, Chas, and all that 60-is-the-new-50 razzamatazz

Editor Andrew Parkes has a number of thoughts every week, here

OUR latest guest thought provider is Joanne Lewis

5 THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK...

1. Keith Vaz resigned from the Commons Home Affairs Committee after allegedly paying rent boys for sex. Politicians increasingly think they can do no wrong. MPs are public servants, they should act accordingly. Which politician do you trust? I don't know of any.

2. Prince Charles was named Londoner of the Decade by the Evening Standard. Over the years my allegiance to Princess Diana prejudiced my thoughts about Prince Charles. But his work with the Prince's Trust has been exemplary.

3. Dame Sarah Storey won her 12th gold medal on the opening day of the Paralympics. Bearing in mind I can't cycle 10 metres, I am in awe. We should look to those like Dame Sarah for their tenacity in achieving their goals. These are modern day heroes.

4. This week I needed an MRI. It made me seriously anxious. The two lovely operators did not seem to understand this. It is a conveyor belt without the care and attention required.

5. I'm 60 in a few months' time. Women aren't supposed to age gracefully anymore. No, we are supposed to have face lifts, cheek fillers, Botox, etc. Needless to say I've not experienced any of the above. So though 60 is supposedly the new 50 I will stay firmly in the almost 60 bracket.

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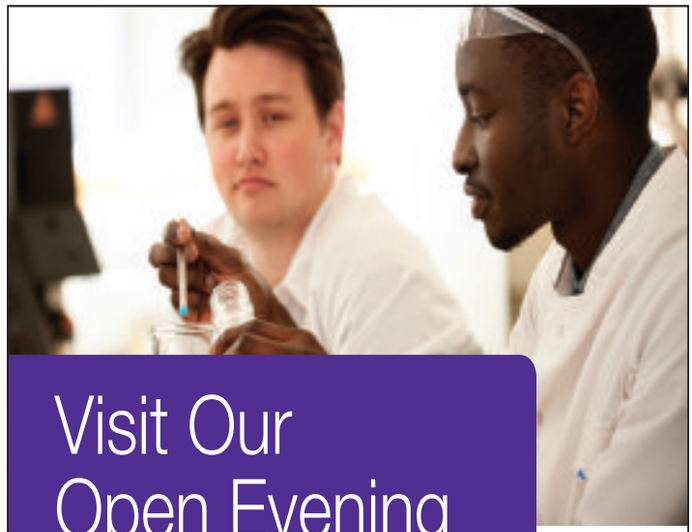

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He succeeds Mark Bishop, who is retiring having successfully led the school since August 2006.

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He commented: "I am looking forward to leading Trinity. My first year is going to be particularly exciting with the extension of our present music building to a world-class facility.

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The curriculum at The Beacon offers real breadth and balance. We provide an excellent range of subjects to suit the aspirations, talents and interests of every student. We challenge students to work hard, stretch their thinking and achieve.

We encourage them to be curious and imaginative learners, who develop the skills needed to ask questions, solve problems and seek innovative solutions. We are very proud of our unique curriculum enrichment programme, which provides students with opportunities beyond the classroom to develop and enhance their knowledge and skills. Students can participate in an extensive range of sporting, musical, scientific and cultural activities.

We are fully committed to our values: 'We care, we aim high, we achieve together, we lead the way.' We foster a sense of responsibility, developing students' skills in leadership to enable them to be successful and fulfilled.

Our House system is well-established and ensures a sense of belonging to the community, as well as some healthy competition!

We have a team of School Officials, Heads of House and student mentors who contribute to the high quality pastoral care in the school.

Our excellent examination results reflect our commitment to students' success. This is testimony to the work of our dedicated team of staff and the hard work of students.

We invite you to our Open Evening on Thursday 29th September 2016 at 6.30pm. We will be delighted to meet you, to show you around and to give you a flavour of the school's work.

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Keep Dancing at New Wimbledon Theatre until Saturday:

Strictly winners Jay and Aliona are the guest stars in this Latin and ballroom dance show that also features pro dancers including Strictly's Robin Windsor. Tickets cost from £17.90. Go to atgtickets.com/Wimbledon

FILM

Bridget Jones's Baby (left), out Friday:

Bridget is back and she's having a baby! The much-loved character played by Renee Zellweger returns in this highly-anticipated sequel, which also sees Colin Firth playing Mark Darcy once again.

FAMILY

Brain Waves at Polka Theatre, Wimbledon, (and Brit School, Croydon) from Wednesday until October 16:

Polka has teamed up with neuroscientists for a series of cool shows, talks and screenings which explore how a child's brain works. Shows include Shake, Rattle and Roll for toddlers ages six to 18 months which looks at what makes babies giggle, dance and move. Go to polkatheatre.com

MUSIC

Lauren Kinsella Ensemble at Omnibus, Clapham, from 7.30pm on Sunday:

The Irish vocalist and composer, who was Jazz FM Vocalist of the Year, performs in Clapham. Go to omnibus-clapham.org

ARTS

Wimbledon Arts Market on the Piazza from 11am to 6pm on Saturday and Sunday:

Artists pitch up on the Piazza outside Morrisons to sell everything from arts and crafts, illustrations and pictures. Go to lovewimbledon.org

What's on

Song BIRDY

Singer Birdy talks to JIM PALMER about shyness, hearing her songs at the movies, her new music and her upcoming tour.

IMAGINE sitting in a cinema watching a weepy movie and just as it reaches its saddest point your song comes on. A certain amount of artists would be chuffed, but Birdy couldn't help be distracted.

The 20-year-old singer, who is heading out on tour this autumn, told us it's not always a joy to hear your own music on the TV or at a film.

She said: "If it's in an advert, it is always quite exciting because it pops up out of nowhere. I did a song for A Fault in Our Stars and I was just waiting for the whole way through the film thinking 'oh no' and 'when's it going to come?'

"And when I heard it I just felt really awkward: 'It isn't right – it's a sad moment, I shouldn't be here'."

It is a reaction that sums Birdy up pretty well. You will have heard her heart-rending, tender songs but she shies away from the limelight.

She said: "I am quite a private person I guess. Fame is not something I have ever wanted, it has come with things.

"It is very unnatural to me, all of that. I'm quite shy so it is not something I enjoy. I have always focussed on the music because that is what I love and that is what I'm here to do."

That shyness manifests itself in a charmingly idiosyncratic way when it comes to playing live, too. She loves performing and the thing that makes her most nervous is not the thousands of fans but the handful of her friends.

She said: "I just love getting to perform with a band and to share that feeling on stage with them, and getting to see people enjoying the music.

"I'm so excited (about the tour). I haven't really done a big UK tour so it is going to be really fun and I'm going to my hometown really, so it is going to be quite weird for me having some of my friends turn up who haven't really seen what I do.

"It's a bit scary, actually. I prefer to get on with things secretly and hope it's OK."

Amazingly for a 20-year-old, Birdy has already released three albums.

Fame came to her very young. She was just 12 when she won the Open Mic UK competition in 2008 and her debut single, a cover of Bon Iver's Skinny Love, got worldwide attention when she was still just 14.

She said: "It was a huge whirlwind, really. I didn't know what was going on. I just went with it and hoped for the best."

She added: "I was so lucky because I had a wonderful manager.

"A lot of it was also having my parents with me. They travelled with me until I was 18 and I couldn't have done it without them. I would have been terrified, I think."

Birdy's new album, Beautiful Lies, was released in March and it marks another step forward for her as a songwriter.

She said: "I can really hear that when I look back to my second album. I can hear myself trying to find what I like and experimenting with production as well.

"I feel like that album for me was lots of different things on one album whereas on this album it has all come together as a whole, which I really love. That was me just growing up a bit, I think."

Birdy plays Hammersmith Apollo on October 20. Go to eventimapollo.com for further information.

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POLAR POWER

House DJ trio Future Polar Bears have rocked nightclubs and festivals all over the world since forming in 2010. We caught up with the boys – Luke Hayes, Rhys Buckley and Fran Cosgrave – ahead of their gig at Gigalum in Clapham on September 18.

You've played all over the world, but what makes London special? London always has a special place in our heart as it was one of the first major cities we played at. The city's clubbing heritage is second-to-none and we always look forward to playing there. The enthusiasm and musical knowledge is always amazing, and we can't wait to come back.

Other than London, where is the most amazing place to DJ? We're lucky enough to travel the world and play in some amazing countries, but we love playing in Singapore. The club we play at is incredible (Zouk) and the food is amazing. It's just a vibrant city and we love spending time there!

What is the lifestyle of a house DJ like?

Its great fun, we love it but it's definitely not as glamorous as everybody thinks. Its long hours with very little sleep so you have to prepare yourself for the tours and limit the partying you do. With all that said, we are very fortunate to visit some of the most amazing places in the world and we wouldn't swap it for anything.

What Futuristic Polar Bears achievement are you most proud of?

We have two milestones that we're particularly proud of: Our first Beatport number 1 was an incredible achievement from the whole team and that was very special for us. It was also a great achievement to reach our first 1million streams on Spotify with our latest track Café Del Mar. Again it was a team effort that everyone worked hard for.

What are the ingredients of a great night out? Great friends, great alcohol and great music. These three ingredients will give you a good time no matter where you are.

What's on the horizon for Futuristic Polar Bears? We've got some amazing single releases and remixes coming out which we're really excited about. I wish we could say more but you'll all find out pretty soon.

Futuristic Polar Bears play Gigalum, Clapham, on September 18. Go to twitter.com/fpbofficial

A children's theatre is pulling out all the stops with a show celebrate reaching its 100th production.

The Colour House Theatre, based in a grade II listed building at Merton Abbey Mills, will notch up the century with a two-month run of Peter Pan until November 6 boasting flying actors, Captain Hook, a hungry crocodile and a special appearance from one of soapland's most famous faces.

Theatre manager Charlie Shakespeare, who adapted JM Barrie's book for the performance, said: "This one is a big special one. It's our 100th show.

"We have got a new set designer, new songs and lots that we're putting into it. We've got John Altman (Nasty Nick from EastEnders) in it. He is going to be in a pre-recorded sequence so he won't be there live but he will still be in the show on the big screen."

Peter Wallder, who ran the theatre when it first opened in 1995, returns to direct the show while a number of businesses have lent their support, including timber company Lawsons who donated wood to build the stage.

Great Ormond Street Hospital, which was left the rights to Peter Pan by JM Barrie, were also helpful in making the show financially viable for the theatre.

Mr Shakespeare said: "Since I have been here I have always wanted to do it. We never thought we could. And it is the absolute perfect show to celebrate on because you couldn't find a more magical kids' show."

Colour House opened 21 years ago and was granted charitable status seven years ago.

Mr Shakespeare said: "For a charity theatre that doesn't have any funding to reach 100 shows is quite a milestone.

"We have had bits of funding in the past but we don't have any regular funding. We survive 100 per cent on the box office takings, so it is a big milestone for us. Not many theatres our size survive as long as we have."

Of course, while theatres focussing predominantly on young audiences are not all that prevalent, Merton is in a privileged position with both Colour House and Polka in Wimbledon.

Mr Shakespeare, who came to the theatre five years ago as an actor and has been theatre manager for the past three, said: "We offer something a bit different. It's more intimate what we do – it's only a 70 seat theatre – so it is quite nice to have the two. We each appeal to different people."

He added: "We offer an affordable day out for families. It is something a bit different. Certainly our children's parties, they are incredible. They come and have a party and see the show.

"There is nowhere that offers anything quite like that. In this day and age it is hard to find little hubs like ours."

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PANTO BOOM

Celebrity Big Brother contestant and self-styled fashion icon Heavy D has been announced has this year's panto star at Epsom Playhouse.

The reality TV personality — real name Colin Newell but sometimes known as 'the Boominator' — will play the genie in Aladdin from December 16 to January 8.

The larger-than-life star shot to fame on Dave's cult TV show Storage Hunters where he was known for his rivalry with host Sean Kelly and established himself as one of the viewers' favourites by being extraordinarily loud and shouting the catchphrase 'boom' when he successfully bid for a precious lot.

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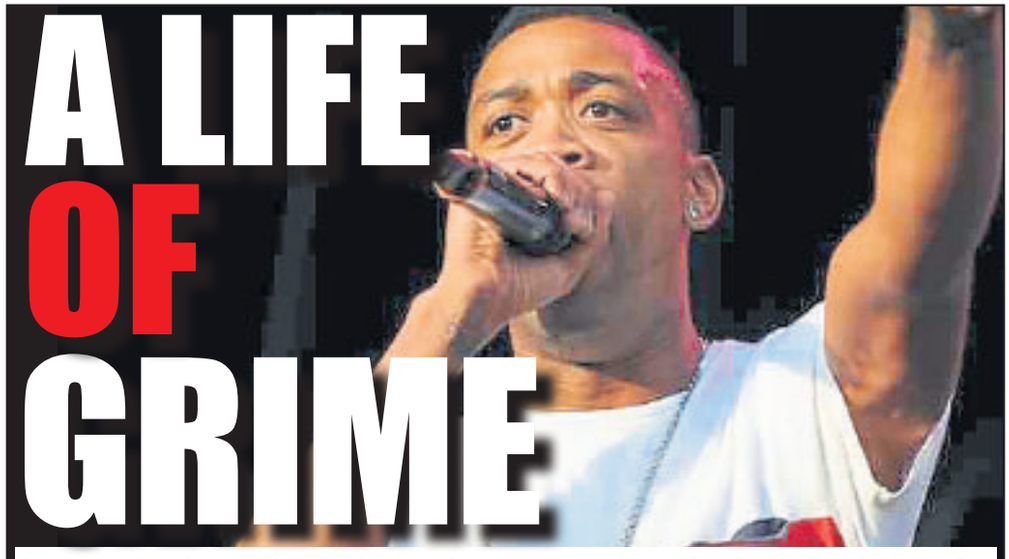
A LIFE OF GRIME



A two-day music festival featuring some of grime's biggest names and up-and-coming rockers has been announced for the opening of Croydon's Boxpark next month.

Wiley (pictured), Ghetts and Novellist are among the artists performing as Eskimo Dance takes over on October 29 and NME hosts proceedings on October 30.

Casual dining venue Boxpark follows a similar scheme in Shoreditch and will have a 2,000 capacity and be host to more than 40 food and drink traders, including MeatLiquor, Chilango, Mama Lan, Breakfast Club and local brewery Cronx.

Eskimo Dance is renowned for giving big breaks to artists such as JME, Skepta and Kano and its festival day on Saturday, October 29, will include sets from founder Wiley, Ghetts, Noveliist, Solo45, Elf Kid, President T, P Money, Flirta D, Cadell, Merky Ace, Blakie, Splurgeboys, Mistajam, Preditah, Maximum, Rude Kid, Hatch, Sian Anderson as well as a secret guest and a special guest to be announced.

NME will host a free showcase on the Sunday with up-and-coming London bands.

Eskimo Dance's Stephen Campbell said: "We are ecstatic to be teaming up with Boxpark for their launch festival in Croydon.

Following our recent successes touring across the UK and after the incredible Red Bull Culture Clash we're excited to bring the grime sound home to London.

Expect grime legends spanning across an energetic all-dayer!"

Boxpark's director Roger Wade said: "We are delighted to announce our Boxpark Croydon Opening Festival.

"We hope to make Croydon one of the most exciting London boroughs and this is just the beginning of many events for the local community and wider areas.

"Expect everything from festival warm ups to organic food markets, plus daily programmed events."

Tickets for the Saturday cost from £15 and are free on Sunday, though you should register in advance. Further information at boxpark.co.uk/croydon

GOOD LAUGHS

A comedy tour of London – starting and finishing in Wandsworth – will raise money for blood cancer patients.

Comedians including Richard Herring, Sara Pascoe (pictured), Nathan Caton and Dave Fulton have signed up for the Laugh For Life tour, which gets under way at The Bedford in Balham on September 25 and closes at Battersea Barge on January 29.

A completely different line-up will feature at each of the events with some taking part because of personal experience of the illness, such as Matt Price who lost an aunt to blood cancer. He said: "My Auntie had blood cancer. She was an inspiring woman and when I was offered the gig, I thought of her.

"I'm very happy to play a small part in helping a charity that is doing so much good."

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Generally the market tends to be stronger in the spring and then picks up again in the late summer and early autumn. Your property will obviously sell more quickly when the market is strong and demand is high. Therefore keep an eye on the property market and remember to check out prices.

House sales are also affected by interest rates.

Few people are willing to take out a mortgage when the Bank of England has intentions of raising interest rates.

Look out for what is happening in your local area. Ask estate agents what they are selling and search online property transaction databases such as OnTheMarket.com for sales in your area.

If you are looking to buy a new home as well as sell your own home, it is recommended that you put your house up for sale before you start looking for new properties.

Some buyers even wait until they have had an offer made on their property before they start looking. You will then be able to time the process more effectively because you will have an idea as to how quickly you can sell and then you can estimate the price of what your new home can be.

Negotiate the right price

Your negotiating power as the seller will be affected by the following factors:

– Amount of interest in your property – if offers are flooding in, you pick and choose as you wish, however if your property has been on the market for some time with no real interest, the weaker your negotiating position is as a seller.

– Current market conditions – if demand exceeds supply, then you can expect to receive a favourable price for your home. However, if the market is slow, you will not have the same negotiating power.

– Condition of the property – you will find it harder to negotiate if repair work is needed on your property.

– Time pressure – the tighter your time scale to move, the weaker your position in negotiations.

– Sentiment – selling your home can be a very emotional time but you are selling it, so try to keep your emotions out of negotiations.

The negotiating power of the buyer will be affected by the following:

Chain or no chain – buyers who are not involved in a chain are in a better negotiating position than those who are.

Look for those who are:

– First time buyers.

– In-between homes (might be renting now).

– Buying with cash.

– Investing (this won't be their residence).

– In a good position with their mortgage – buyers whose mortgages have been pre-approved will be a better position, than those who have to wait for the paper-work to be processed.

– Under time pressure – as with the seller, the tighter the time scale to move, the weaker their position in negotiations.

Role of the estate agent

– The estate agent works for the seller and they will try and get the highest possible price for your property.

– They will know the condition of the market in their local area and the features of properties that make them more attractive to buyers.

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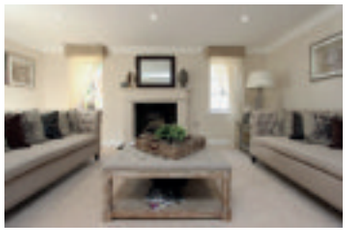

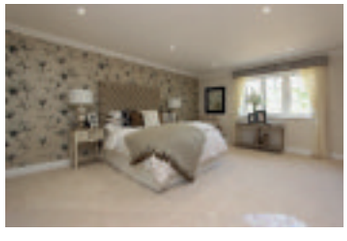

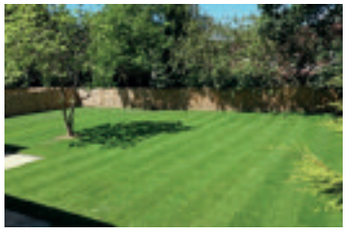

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- Private Garden
- EPC Rating: E

£850,000

- Detached Chalet Style House
- 3 Single Garages
- Bold Corner Plot
- Further Development Potential
- Current Dwelling In Good Condition
- Superb Lower Ashtead Location
- Vacant Possession
- EPC: D

Fetcham **Guide £799,950 to £825,000**

- Impressive Detached Family Home
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- Brand New Kitchen And Bathroom
- Potential For Extension (stpp)
- Conservatory
- Delightful Gardens Both Front & Back
- Garage & Parking For Several Cars
- EPC Rating: D

Ashtead **£699,950**

- Semi Detached Town House
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- NHBC Remaining
- Internal Fresh Air Filtration System
- Part Solar Panels
- Master Ensuite
- Family Bathroom & Two Cloakrooms
- EPC: B

Ashtead **£699,950**

- Halls Adjoining Semi Detached
- 4 Bedrooms
- Ensuite & Family Bathroom
- 2 Formal Reception Rooms
- Private Rear Garden
- Utility / Study
- Conservatory & Cloakroom
- EPC: C

Leatherhead **Guide £750,000 to £775,000**

- Beautiful Detached Home
- 4 Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Dining / Family Room
- Stunning Conservatory
- Quiet Cul De Sac Location
- South West Facing Rear Garden
- EPC Rating: E

Ashtead **£250,000**

- 1 Double Bedroom
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen/Dining Area
- Fully Integrated Kitchen w AEG Appliances
- Video Entry System
- Gated Secure Parking
- 10 year new homes warranty
- Communal Terrace and Bike Store
- EPC Rating: C/D

Quarry Gardens, Leatherhead **£899,000**

- 5 Bedroom Detached Family Home
- 3 Ensuites
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- Double Aspect Lounge
- Study / Second Reception
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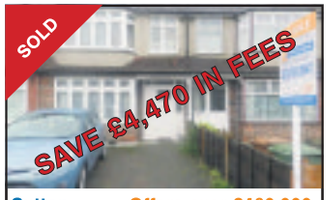

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Epsom Town Centre £1,350

Two bedroom modern top floor apartment, located in a Epsom Town Centre. The property is in good decorative order and boasts a modern fitted kitchen, bright and spacious living room, two double bedrooms, two stylish white suite bathrooms (one en-suite to master) and an allocated parking space for one vehicle. Offered part-furnished basis and available October 2016.

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Epsom Town Centre £1,750

Two bedroom semi detached house, located a short distance from Epsom Town Centre. The property is in good decorative order, offers flexible living accommodation and boasts a spacious through living/ dining room, modern fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms and a white suite bathroom. There is a private enclosed easy to maintain garden and unfurnished.

Epsom Town Centre £1,750

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Epsom Town Centre £1,500

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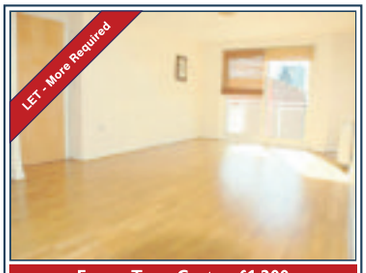

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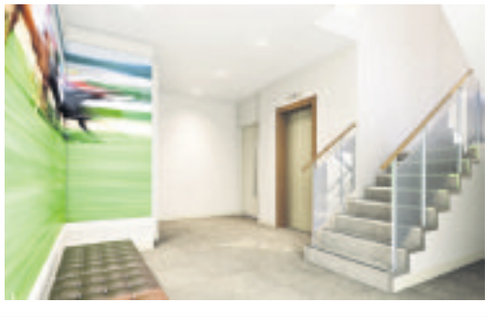

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- Fantastic Location
- E.P.C. Rating E

Epsom £799,950

NEW INSTRUCTION!

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Modern Kitchen and Bathroom
- Close To Epsom Town Centre
- Stamford Green Conservation Area
- Detached Garage
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Epsom £670,000

NEW INSTRUCTION!

- Semi Detached Family Home
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
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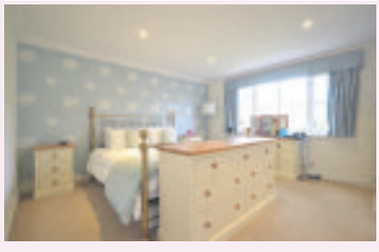

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- Stunning Gardens
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- Off Street Parking
- E.P.C. Rating D

Ashtead £998,500

- Detached House
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Stunning/Kitchen Diner
- Garden
- Off Street Parking
- E.P.C. Rating E

Ashtead £725,000

- Detached Chalet Style Bungalow
- Three/Four Bedrooms
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Epsom £2,750pcm

- Detached House
- Private Road
- Full Of Character
- High Ceilings
- Fireplaces
- Four Bedrooms
- Superb Garden
- E.P.C. Rating E

Epsom £3,050pcm

- Detached House
- 1.75 Acres
- Self Contained Annexe
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Fantastic Kitchen
- Large Reception
- Semi Rural Location
- E.P.C. Rating D

Epsom £1,150pcm

- Fully Furnished
- Town Centre Location
- Private Balcony
- Spacious Lounge
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Master Bedroom
- Luxury Bathroom
- E.P.C Rating D

Epsom £905pcm

- One Bed Flat
- Historical Building
- Spacious
- Unfurn Or Furnished
- Parking
- Community Laundry Room
- Available 29th October
- E.P.C Rating C

Epsom £1,125pcm

- New Build Apartment
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Double Bedroom
- Luxury Bathroom
- Open Plan Living Room
- Video Door Entry System
- Town Centre Location
- E.P.C. Rating C

Epsom £1,200pcm

- Ground Flr Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Fitted Bathroom
- Communal Parking
- Furnished
- Large Reception
- E.P.C. Rating D

Sutton £1,275pcm

- First Floor Maisonette
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathrooms
- Own Rear Garden
- Close To Cheam Station
- E.P.C Rating E

Epsom £1,200pcm

- First Floor Apartment
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- Off Street Parking
- E.P.C Rating D

Epsom £1,950pcm

- Semi Detached Home
- Built By Devine Homes
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- E.P.C Rating B

Epsom £6,950pcm

- Architect Designed Home
- Set On Half Acre Plot
- Floor Area Of 5400sqft
- Five Bedrooms
- Four Luxury Bathrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Cinema Complex
- Epc Rating B

Epsom £1,295pcm

- First Flr Apartment
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- Semi Detached Lodge
- Spacious Reception Room
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- Two Bathrooms
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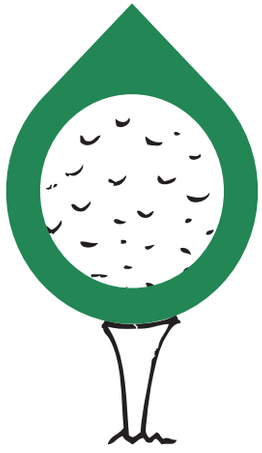

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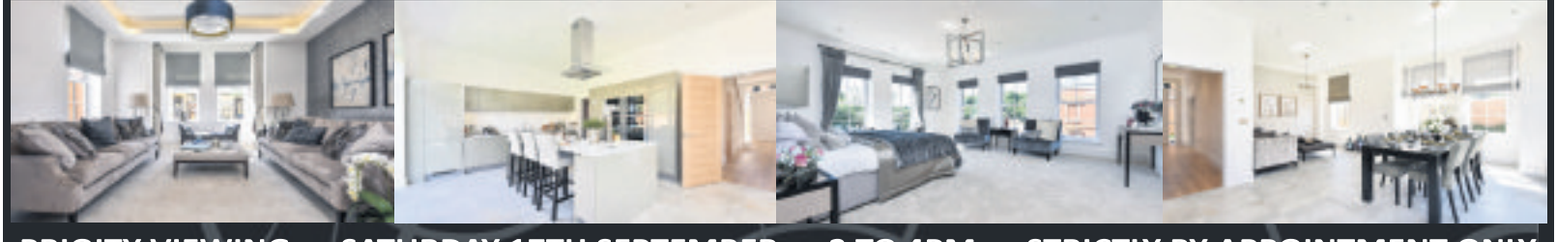

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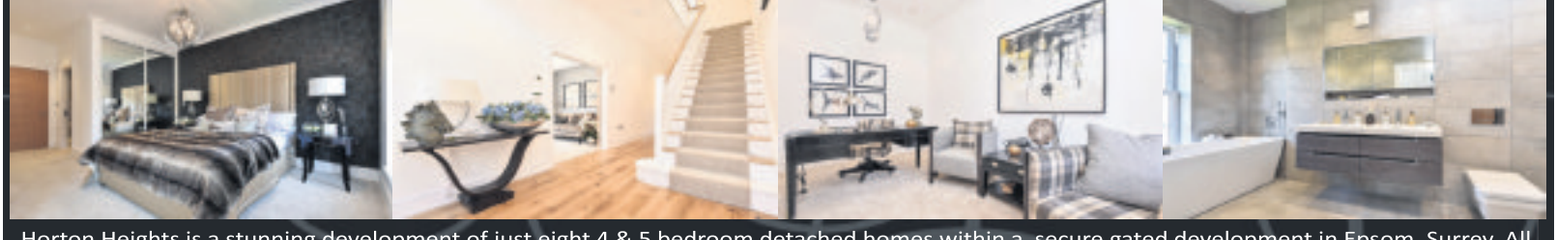

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The Mazda3 Fastback boldly goes where few cars have sold before. In considering this lightly improved version, JONATHAN CROUCH wonders whether this small saloon can change the script.

BACKGROUND: The Mazda3 makes all kinds of sense as a hatchback, but as a Fastback saloon? Most buyers won't be so sure. But in an effort to convince them, Mazda has pulled out all the stops. The Fastback offers more luggage space, is more efficient and is arguably better looking. In this improved version, the brand's latest 'SKYACTIV-VEHICLE DYNAMICS' 'G-Vectoring Control' system improves the handling, plus there's a smarter cabin and enhanced safety tech.

DRIVING EXPERIENCE: It's a fact. Turn a family hatchback into a saloon car and you'll suddenly decimate its sales chances, in the UK at least. It's strange because the opposite is true on the other side of the pond, where sedans are viewed as more upmarket propositions than hatches, so you see all sorts of unlikely vehicles sprouting trunks from their posteriors. So while we've had some very good small saloons, they tend to be viewed with suspicion and it's a script that Mazda will need to do very well to change with its Mazda3 Fastback.

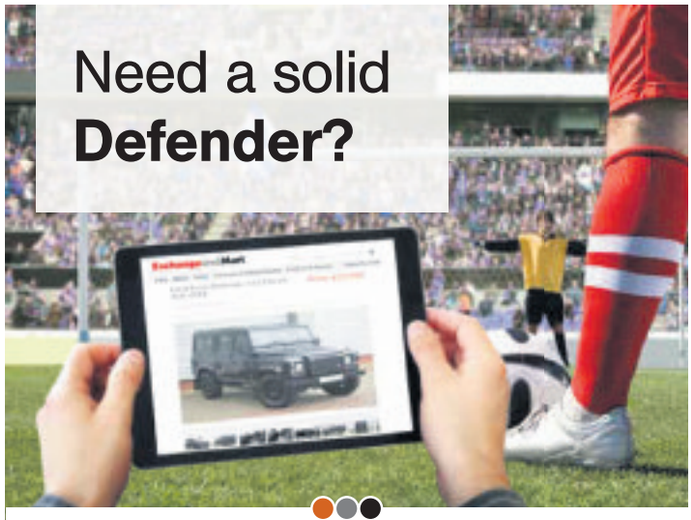
The Mazda3 story to date is fairly straightforward. The first generation car appeared in 2003, based largely on Ford Focus underpinnings. That model was replaced by a sleeker and more modern hatch in 2009, and now we're on generation three, a design first launched in 2013, then updated in the Autumn of 2016 to reate the version we're looking at here. The one thing that unites all these models is that they look nothing like each other. Always an underachiever, the Mazda3 offers a broad range, and a closer look at this improved Fastback model suggests that this breadth certainly hasn't come at the expense of depth.

Unlike the hatchback version, the Mazda3 Fastback doesn't get the entry-level 100PS 1.5-litre petrol powerplant and it also does without the 165PS 2.0-litre. So that means buyers get a restricted choice of one 2.0-litre petrol engine and two diesels (a 1.5 and a 2.2-litre unit). The 2.2-litre diesel will cover the sprint to 62mph in 8.1 seconds, thanks to its punchy 150PS output. The 2.0-litre petrol engine is good for 120PS. Performance? Think rest to 62mph in 8.9 seconds for the manual version and a few tenths slower for the six-speed automatic models. Both engines are high quality units. Mazda predicts the petrol engine will account for the greater proportion of sales, but the diesel's 380Nm of torque is hard to resist.

DESIGN AND BUILD: A key dynamic change for this improved Mazda 3 is the addition of what the brand calls 'GVC' - or 'G-Vectoring Control', parts of its 'SKYACTIV-VEHICLE DYNAMICS' range of technology systems. This is essentially one of those torque vectoring set-ups, this one able to vary engine torque to optimise the load on each wheel, providing more precise handling as well as a smoother ride under virtually any driving conditions. Diesel-powered models get high-precision boost control, which enhances accelerator responsiveness, along with 'Natural Sound Frequency Control' and what's called a 'Natural Sound Smoother' to improve refinement.

COST: Prices are identical to those of the hatchback which means that the Fastback range kicks off at around £17,500 and tops out at around £23,000. Within that £5,500 window are a considerable number of different trim, engine and transmission combinations, based around five trims, two transmissions and three engines. The trim levels open with SE, step up through SE Nav, SE-L, and SE-L Nav, topping out with the Sport model.

Buyers can get refinements like a head-up display, touch-screen satellite-navigation and mobile internet connectivity. The mobile system is particularly interesting, following the likes of Toyota into the market with a system that allows the car to pair with a smartphone and display Facebook and Twitter updates. A nine-speaker Bose audio system is also available. Safety equipment hasn't been neglected either, with the latest Mazda3 featuring a forward warning system which monitors vehicles in front, smart braking which primes the brakes if it senses they may be needed and rear vehicle monitoring which checks your three-quarter blind spot. There's also a high beam control that automatically dips your lights when it senses oncoming traffic.



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Garrod rules parkrun on the road

OLLIE Garrod was on unfamiliar territory in last weekend's parkrun action, but there was a familiar result.

The Epsom & Ewell Harrier, who has 17 wins at Nonsuch Park so far this year, clocked 16 minutes 38 seconds to win at Crane Park.

At Banstead Woods, *pictured right*, Kevin Lewis of Sutton Runners brought the field home in 17:45, while Nadine Heseltine won the women's race in 23:14.

All sail for: Niki Birrell, left, and Alexandra Rickham, right, in Rio Pic: Richard Langdon/British Sailing Team

A battle on the Rio waters

ALEXANDRA Rickham is in the middle of a lively battle on the Rio waters as she and sailing partner Niki Birrell go for Paralympic gold, *writes Tim Ashton*.

The GB duo are competing in the Skud18 class competition, and at the end of the second day of competition sit fourth in the standings.

Rickham, from Epsom, and Birrell are five-times world champions and they won bronze at London 2012.

And she believes they have given themselves a decent platform to move forwards from into the rest of the regatta.

She said: "It was quite a battle, but ultimately getting third it has been a pretty solid start.

"The Games are on and there is a lot to play for. You never know what is going to happen in Rio."

The defending London 2012 champions, Daniel Fitzgibbon and Liesl Tesch from Australia lead the early pace, with the Brazilians in second and Polish crew in third.

Rickham added: "The main contenders are all up there fighting.

"The course was a bit difficult at times, the pressure was up and down and it was really hot, the downwind was quite painful.

"But I think we did the best that we could, battling back when we got a bit stuck in the fleet.

"The reality is we need to get to the front and be able to hold on. It was a beautiful sailing day, we are both in good spirits and looking forward to the rest of the competition."

The 11-race regatta comes to an end on Saturday.

BOXING: Challenger vows to come back stronger after world title defeat

Edwards: I will be back

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CHARLIE Edwards insists he was not out of his league after his defeat in the IBF world flyweight clash at the hands of John Riel Casimero.

The 23-year-old from Beddington, who is now based in Epsom, was challenging for the world title on Saturday at the O2 Arena despite it being only his ninth pro fight.

Defending champion Casimero, who also held the IBF light flyweight world title last year and was fighting in his 26th bout, won on a TKO in the 10th of 12 rounds.

Fighting on the undercard of the Gennady Golovkin v Kell Brook world middleweight title clash, it was a shuddering left hook that sent Edwards, who trains with MGM Marbella, to the canvas.

He said: "I can't remember the shot that caught me. The team were telling me they couldn't believe I got up from it.

"I walked into one and he's a big puncher. I used my brain and took a knee, but it wasn't enough."

At the restart the former Earlsfield ABC boxer had nothing left in his tank and after the much-travelled Pilipino threw two uppercuts and an overhand right, referee Steve Gray halted the bout.

Edwards added: "I thought it was a close fight, some of the rounds were very close.

"He is a great fighter, it just wasn't my day and I'll learn a lot from that, I'll get back in the gym and work hard to get back into this position again soon.

"He's a top drawer fighter, punches really hard and relentlessly – he did his last opponent in four rounds and I went 10 with him, so that says a lot about my toughness.

"I think I won a fair share of rounds in there and I will come back stronger from this.

"I'm destined to become a world champion and this hasn't changed that belief, I know I'm going to do it and my performance has shown that."

Edwards certainly did not disgrace himself at his first major big test as a professional in front of a big stage audience.

However, some critics have suggested this world title shot came much too soon in his career, but Edwards feels otherwise.

"I didn't feel I was out of my league in there, it was a close fight," he said.

"I got caught, it can happen, and at this level the punches can be finishers.

"I've had a taste of this level in just nine fights and at flyweight the opportunities are few and far between and I am glad I took it, it's going to serve me well.

"It was a risk, I gave it my all and it wasn't my day but it will be in the future.

"I'm only 23 and I've boxed for a world title in my ninth fight. I will make sure I do it next time."

In a battle: Charlie Edwards lays into John Riel Casimero in his ultimately doomed challenge for the IBF flyweight world title

Sutton & Epsom come crashing back down to earth

Tough day: Harry Jones is held up as Sutton & Epsom experienced life on the losing side for the first time in seven competitive games. After their opening day win in National League Three, they crashed back to earth on Saturday thanks to a 43-13 thumping at Rugby Lane by neighbours Wimbledon. Felix Symonds bagged the consolation try, while Sam Hurley kicked the extras. S&E are back in action this weekend at Guildford

SPORTS*brief*

ATHLETICS: Tadworth AC's husband and wife team of Richard and Rachel Saunders, *pictured*, ran together in the New Forest half-marathon at Brockenhurst, clocking two hours eight minutes 22 seconds and finishing 982nd and 983rd out of 1,566. Elsewhere, Tadworth runners took on the Farnham Pilgrims marathon, a challenging trail race along the Surrey Hills. Simon Booth was 33rd of 243 in 3.58:04, with Phil Stevens 34th in 3.58:06. Colin Woods travelled to Newcastle for Sunday's Great North Run, which had a huge field of 41,000. In fine conditions he finished 3,378th in 1.43:46.

FOOTBALL: Leatherhead will have been hoping for better form when they took on Walton Casuals in the Ryman League Cup last night, after recording a fourth defeat in the Ryman Premier Division on Saturday. Goals from Kiernan Hughes-Mason and Guiseppe Sole meant little as Tanners went down 4-2 at Billericay Town, leaving them second from bottom.

FOOTBALL: Epsom & Ewell are eighth in the Combined Counties League Premier Division table following a 0-0 draw at home to Camberley on Saturday. The Salts are next in action this weekend at Badshot Lea. In Division One, Epsom Athletic remain in trouble at the bottom after a 4-0 defeat at Frimley Green, while, at the other end, Banstead Athletic lost 2-1 at home to Cobham and dropped to fifth in the process. This weekend, Epsom host Dorking.

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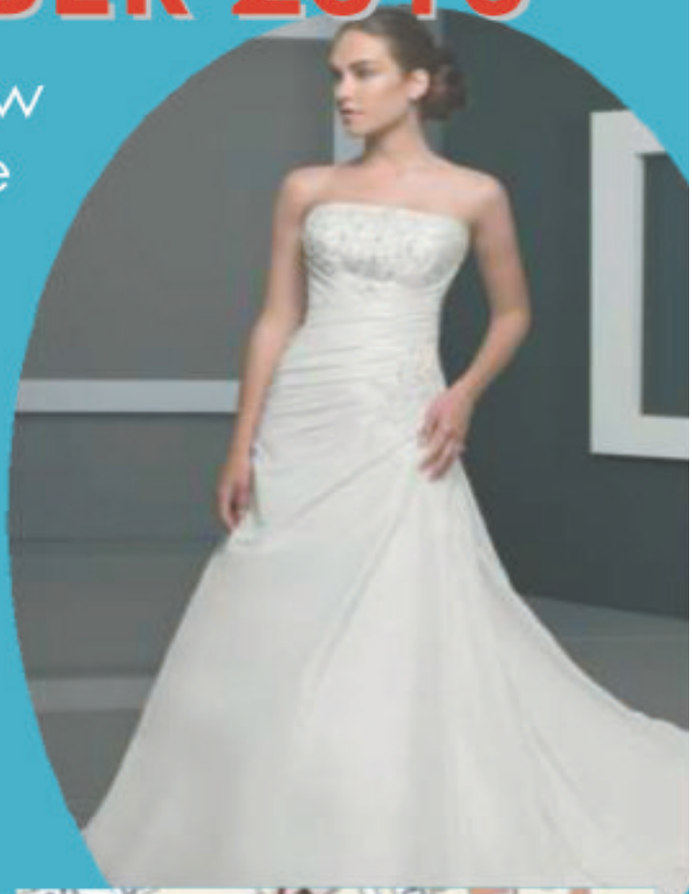

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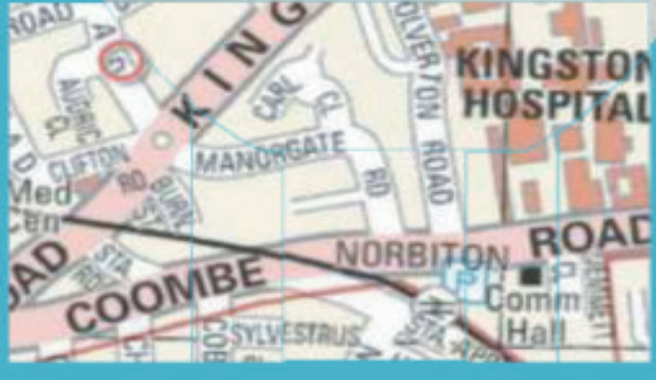

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